

The Shreveport Regional Arts Council called upon the Louisiana Poet Laureate, John Warner Smith, to make the recommendation to the Caddo Commissioners for the position of the Caddo Parish Laureate. While the decision about who to select is ultimately up to the Caddo Parish Commissioners, John Warner Smith has prioritized his recommendation and rationale as follows:

Pam,

My recommendation for the Caddo Parish Poet Laureate is in the following order of selection:

1. **Poetic X**
2. **Mawiyah Bomani**
3. **Kristyn Miller**

I am greatly impressed, not only by the creative talent of Poetic X, but by the poet's strong, energetic voice, which appears to reach deep into the Caddo community. Poetic X has a wider body of creative work than the others who applied and the poet also appears to have been more active in bringing poetry to the Caddo community.

Many thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the decision.

**Best,
John**

John Warner Smith
Poet Laureate for the State of Louisiana,
appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards.